AMERICAN PENNANT CHASE TIGHTENS; MAJOR TEAMS FIGHT HARD FOR PLACE

STANDING OF THE CLUBS PHILLIES NOT National League Won Lost Pct Philadelphia St. Louis Cincinnati Pittsburg New York ... Boston St. Louis ...

Superbas, Giants, Red Sox Not in Stride: Washing-ton and White Sox in-andout While Athletics Win Game at Last

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, April 23.—The end of the second week of the 1916 baseball season finds the teams of the National end American Leagues fighting bard for positions in the race. In the American League the penuant chase is tight-ening. In the National, Philadelphia moved forward to a commanding posi-tion in first place.

The National League champions, with the heavy hitting of Luderus, Cravath and Nichoff, coupled with steady pitch-

and Nichoff, coupled with stendy pitching, went underfeated during the week,
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Cinchinati played good baseball, both
at last and in the field, and wan two and
lost three. Hal Chase seems to have
added strength to Herzog's club and on
Tuesday beat Pittsburg with a home
run in the tenth inning. Boston played
rather listlessly and its pitchers did not
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Chicago gave the best exhibition in the western contingent of the National League, and by heavy hitting maintained a winning streak. The Cubst belding and pitching also improved. Pittsburg showed little improvement over the first week, Harmon, of Pitta-burg, held St. Louis to two hits Fri-day. The Cardinals displayed better form and moved to a good position in Score: the first division by beating the Reds Wichita

Brooklyn, which pressed the leaders hard in 1915, has been unable to get started. The pitching has been erratic, and Manager Robinson has had trouble with his infield.

The Giants were not able to win a same during the week and now are in

American League

St. Louis continued its good work. Its fifteen-mining battle Saturday with Cleveland to a 1-1 tie was the longest game yet played this season.

Boston, after losing two games earlier in the week to Washington, lost two more to Philadelphia Friday and Saturday, Carrigan's men played well afield, but at bat and in the box there

Batting hard one day and weakly the next. Washington slamped slightly. Walter Johnson met his first defeat Monday at the hands of the Red Sox. Monday at the hands of the Red Sox.

Cleveland showed less winning form than during the first week, losing a 12-inning battle Monday and tleing St.

Louis in 15 innings Saturday.

Counte Mack's Philadelphia aggregation of the Counter with Counter the Counter with Counter the Counter of the

tion entered the "games won" column Friday by defeating the Red Sox and continued the good work by another

Spencer: Martin and Elliott.

Rain interfered with some of the American Association games which began last Tuesday, but early results indi-cate the race will be close, as every team has won at least one game.

RUSS FORD RELEASED BY N. Y. AMERICANS

NEW YORK, April 23.—Russell Ford, who three years ago was considered one of the best pitchers in the game, has been given his onconditional release by the New York American league base-ball (14th.)

Ford lumped to the Federal league from the Yankees and was returned back to that club by the Buffalo Federals because of the Federals loability to dispose of him. He was immediately de-

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WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY

National League Brooklyn at Boston. Philadelphia at New York. St. Louis at Cincinnati. Pittsburg at Chicago

American League New York at Washington Boston at Philadelphia.

Coast League

petroit, through fine hitting and steady work in the box, spurted dur- Sioux City Indians won their first ing the week, winning four games to game from Lincoln today I to I in a The White Sox played erratically, and Clark of the Sloux Tribe.

THERE is a whole lot of cool, smooth smoke and mighty little ash in a pipeful of perfect burning VEL-VET Tobacco.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CARDINALS PREVAIL IN 12 FRAME CLASH PIRATES TO ONE HIT

Johnston, 1b.

Barney, cf. ... Hinchman, rf.

Wagner, 88.

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[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CINCINNATI. April 23.—In a twelve inning contest here today St. Louis won the first game of the series from Cincinnati 2 to 1. Each team used three pitchers, the contest finally being between Ames and Schneider, the score being tied when they went in.

CHICAGO, April 23.—George Mc-connell held Pittsburg to one hit to day, a double by Vioux and Chicago shut out the visitors 3 to 6 in the first game of the series here. This was the first appearance of James Callahan in Chicago, as manager of a National league clob.

Score:

.476 they went in. .467 Score: Heck 3b Smith cf Miller B Long rf Setzel 2b Gonzales c Ames p Butler"

43 2 10 36 15 0 Batted for Kantlelmer in eighth. Batted for Sallee in 8th.

American League
The Americans were hampered by postponements, as was the National and there was a resultant greater shake-up in the league standing.

New York assumed Boston's place at the head of the lague. The Yankees wen four games and lost one through good batting by Baker and Gedeon, and mid-season pitching. It took them eleven lumings, however, to defeat Washington Saturday. New York meets the Red Sox during the coming week and a stiff fight for the lead can be expected.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Ames and Schneider Enter Contest with Score Tied; St. Louis Beats Reds in the Twelfth Inning

J. Callahan Makes First Appearance Checks Several Detroit Rallies and Drive Five Straight Hits off Crandall Holds Home Team to Five Hits for 4 Runs in 9th; Unexpected and Two Runs

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Slugging Wins 14 to 2.

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Chicago Weaver 3b ... E. Collins 2b Fournier 1b Jackson If Detroit

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Baseball, Bless the Ole Game

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger

Baseball is the common denominator in American life. To the millionaire and janitor, scientist and hodcarrier, presidential candidate and college professor, baseball makes an equal appeal. It is the grand leveler or the common uplifter, whichever you prefer. Teams may be juggled this way or that, and magnates may sell their stars and inject novices into their "hundred-thousand-dollar infields," and yet the crowd goes to the games. Other sports appeal to the selected few. Golf has its devotees, who swear by it and at it; tennis its younger friends; polo its wealthy clique; rowing its limited participants, since available watercourses are found only in favored places, and football belongs to the college, but baseball belongs to everybody.

For the next six months "What's the score?" will be the American watchword. Men will root lustily for teams every member of which came from a distant place, simply because they will wear upon their uniforms the magic symbol of their home city. This baseball business is a good thing for our country. It gives men and boys a chance to think about something they all understand or misunderstand equally well. And he is a sorry chap indeed who is not lifted to his feet by that singing crack of the bat at a critical stage in the game.

FABER PREVAILS OVER THE TIGERS

DETROIT, Mich., April 23.—Faber ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Cleveland

in the eighth Bush walked and came out five straight hits off Crandall, for home on Kavanaugh's double. | four runs. AB R H PO A E. . 2 0 0 1 1 0 . . 3 0 0 2 0 0 28 3 7 27 14 0 ASRH POAE

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Cleveland AB R H PO A E Chapman ss Speaker of Smith rf 1 2 0 0 Roth rf . 1 2 0 0 Gandill 15 1 4 1 0 Turner 35 6 Wamsbganss 2b Morton P 43 14 14 27 12 1

Boy Wonder Earns Berth With Bears in the Second Game Tempe Has Won; Visitors Uncover Streak of Pure Luck in Eighth

(Special to The Republican)

MESA, April 23.-After seven innings of air-tight baseball with Mesa, laiming the big end of a 2 to 0 score, Tempe struck a pure streak of uck in today's game and succeeded in puting across four tallies, taking with them another victory as hard fought as the one they took last Sun-day from the Jewels. The contest was a pitcher's duel

from the start, and that Mack Nevhas won a permanent berth is cui-denced from the record he made in letting the heavy hitting Mesa bunch off with but four bingles. Mike At-taway pitching for Mesa held the visitors to five hits up to the eightly

seven innings was purely a pitcher's exhibition, the two moundsmen work-ing slow and hard for every gain. The ing slow and hard for every gain. The Jewels scored one run in the second on a hit and another in the second when Mack Nevitt filled the bases and then walked the batsmen, forcing a tally across. After that he tightened up and through the remaining seven innings the Mesa beys were only good for three scattered hits.

Tempe's winning streak came in

of many other standard makes.

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